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SUMMARY: PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER ANTUNES HELD ECONOMIC TALKS IN DAR ES SALAAM MARCH 30 - APRIL 1 WITH LEADERS OF FRELIMO AND MOZAMBIQUE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. TOPICS INCLUDED ECONOMIC COOPERATION AFTER INDEPENDENCE, AND MOZAMBIQUE'S CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP IN ESCUDO ZONE. TALKING TO PRESS, FONMIN ANTUNES SAID HE IS RETURNING TO LUANDA ON PEACEKEEPING MISSION AND, REITERATED PORTUGALS CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO NATO AND SPECIAL TIES WITH BRAZIL. END SUMMARY

1. PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER MAJOR ERNESTO MELO ANTUNES AND MOZAMBIQUE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT PRIME MINISTER JOAQUIM CHISSANO ARRIVED DAR ES SALAAM TOGETHER EVENING MARCH 29, ACCOMPANIED BY HIGH LEVEL PORTUGUESE AND MOZAMBIKAN DELEGATION FROM LOURENCO MARQUES (REFTEL).

2. TALKS WITH EIGHT-MAN FRELIMO DELEGATION HEADED BY PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL BEGAN MARCH 31 AND WERE EXTENDED, UNEXPECTEDLY, OVER APRIL 1. TOPICS REPORTEDLY INCLUDED ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND MOZAMBIQUE AFTER INDEPENDENCE, MOZAMBIQUE'S INHERITED COLONIAL DEBT, AND INHERITED INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS SUCH AS THOSE CONNECTED WITH CABORA BASSA. PRESS REPORTED A RELAXED AND FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE BUT FEW DETAILS.

3. ON ARRIVAL, FONMIN MELO ANTUNES TOLD PRESS SAID PORTUGAL LOOKED FORWARD TO GOOD RELATIONS WITH MOZAMBIQUE. HE REAFFIRMED PORTUGUESE INTENTION TO TRY TO MAINTAIN PEACE IN ANGOLA UNTIL MOMENT OF COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE, AND ATTRIBUTED RECENT FIGHTING BETWEEN MPLA AND FNLA TO FOLLOWERS OF THOSE MOVEMENTS NOT UNDER DIRECT CONTROL OF MOVEMENT LEADERS. HE SAID PORTUGAL HAD MADE CLEAR ITS FUTURE RELATIONS WITH NATO POWERS, BUT THIS SHOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH GOOD RELATIONS WITH THIRD WORLD.

4. CHISSANO TOLD NEWSMEN ON ARRIVAL THAT TALKS WOULD BE FIRST MEETING BETWEEN PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT AND FRELIMO AS A PARTY SINCE MOZAMBIQUE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT TOOK OFFICE LAST SEPTEMBER, AND THAT THERE HAD NOT BEEN ENOUGH RELATIONS ON A PARTY BASIS. HE SAID SPECIAL COMMITTEE HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED TO PLAN INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS AND TO ENSURE THAT THEY SERVED TO TEACH CITIZENS ABOUT THE SAFETY AND DEFENSE OF THE NATION AND THE UNCLASSIFIED

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DEVELOPMENT OF ITS ECONOMY. MOZAMBIQUE ECONOMY, CHISSANO SAID, HAD MANY PROBLEMS INCLUDING PROXIMITY TO THE RACIST GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA, THE CABORA BASSA DAM, AND OTHER COMMERCIAL MATTERS STILL IN CAPITALIST HANDS.

5. FONMIN MELO ANTUNES TOLD PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL 1 THAT TALKS HAD CONCERNED ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL COOPERATION, AND THAT FURTHER TALKS ON ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC, AND TECHNICAL RELATIONS BETWEEN

PORTUGAL AND MOZAMBIQUE WOULD BE HELD LATER ON. HE SAID THAT MOZAMBIQUE HAS NO DEBT TO PORTUGAL, AND THAT WHILE FINACIAL ENGAGEMENTS MADE BY PORTUGUESE STATE WITH REGARD TO CERTAIN INVESTMENTS IN MOZAMBIQUE WERE DISCUSSED, THEY DID NOT CONSTITUTE A SPECIAL POINT IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. HE NOTED THAT MOZAMBIQUE HAD EXPRESSED WISH TO REMAIN WITHIN ESCUDO ZONE, AND THAT TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THIS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED.

6. ASKED ABOUT RECENT DISTURBANCES IN LUANDA, MELO ANTUNES SAID HIS EFFORTS IN ANGOLA HAD NOT YET "ACHIEVED A SATISFACTORY RESULT," AND THAT HE WAS NOW RETURNING TO LUANDA, VIA MOZAMBIQUE, "TO CONTINUE MY EFFORTS IN ORDER TO KEEP AND DEVELOP DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE PRINCIPAL LEADERS OF THE (LIBERATION) MOVEMENTS." HE REITERATED PORTUGUESE REAFFIRMATION THAT CABINDA IS INTEGRAL PART OF ANGOLA, BUT SAID THAT WHILE THERE EXISTED GROUP CLAIMING TO FIGHT FOR LIBERATION OF CABINDA AND LOOKING FOR OUTSIDE SUPPORT, "WE CANNNOT SAY THERE IS OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE."

7. TO QUESTION OF HOW PORTUGAL COULD BE BOTH DEVELOPING COUNTRY AND MEMBER OF NATO, MELO ANTUNES CITED HISTORICAL AND GEOGRAPHIC REASONS, AND REITERATED THAT NEW REGIME WOULD "RESPECT THE AGREEMENTS AND TREATIES OF THE FORMER REGIME AND THESE INCLUDE THE ENGAGEMENT CONCERNING NATO." BUT THOUGH PORTUGAL WOULD MAINTAIN TRADITIONAL GOOD RELATIONS AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH EUROPEAN AND WESTERN COUNTRIES, THE TREND OF HER FOREIGN POLICY WAS NOW DIRECTED TOWARDS THE THIRD WORLD. HE ALSO REITERATED PORTUGAL'S "SPECIAL TYPE OF RELATION AND FRIENDSHIP" WITH BRAZIL, BUT SAID THERE WERE CERTAIN PORBLEMS WHICH MADE IT DIFFICULT TO HAVE THE SAME KIND OF RELATIONS WITH BRAZIL AS WITH MOZAMBIQUE.

8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ESTABLISHMENT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND TANZANIA REPORTED SEPTTEL.
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